

Xenia Guzelak Becher, LMSW

Employment

2008-present

Syracuse University
College of Human Ecology/School of Social Work
Internship Placement Coordinator/Course Instructor

- Field liaison for both undergraduate and graduate students
- Course instructor for Baccalaureate Field Integrative Seminar I & II (SWK 436, SWK 446)
- Coordinate internship placements and site visits
- Responsible for program documentation such as learning agreement and evaluations
- Participate in informal and formal hearings involving students who are unable to meet program expectations
- Serve on the Field Advisory Committee
- Participate in the planning, development and delivery of training/workshop events of the Office of Field Instruction
- Engage and participate in activities of the Office of Field Instruction as requested by department director
- Work cooperatively with the administration and leadership of both the undergraduate and graduate programs within the School of Social Work
- Serve on the BSSW Advisory Committee

2005 – 2008

Oneida Indian Nation – Family Services Department
2382 West Road, Oneida, New York
Mental Health/Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor

- Provide counseling/treatment for adults and adolescents with mental illness and substance abuse issues
- Administer alcohol and substance abuse interviews and evaluations
- Treatment coordination with regard to legal, health and social services
- Facilitate family and group intervention activities and provide education on alcohol/substance abuse and mental health
- Documentation and record-keeping; bio-psycho-social assessments, treatment plans, court correspondences; benefit program verification
- Participate in the statewide chemical dependency treatment providers coalition of the Six Nations
- Work closely with staff psychiatrists for coordinated treatment planning

2000 – 2005

CONTACT Community Services, Inc., 6520 Basile Rowe, Syracuse, NY
Community Mental Health Educator

- 21st Century Community Learning Center grant Community Liaison for the Syracuse City School District including;
 - coordinate monthly site facilitator meetings
 - active member of the New York State After School Network
 - facilitated links between schools and community-based services
 - coordinate advocacy efforts

- maintain documentation of project activities
- Coordinate the Parent Support/Education Program including;
 - deliver “Can We Talk?” parent workshop series
 - workshop scheduling, development, delivery and outreach
 - data collection and reporting
- Youth Peer Group Co-facilitator for the Way To Go after school program at the Southwest Community Center; individual counseling
- Grant-writing
- Contract management including budgeting, allocations and sub-contracting
- Trainer: staff development, youth development, effective communication, adolescent development, puberty and sexuality, engaging parents
- Curriculum development and delivery

1992 – 2000

**Central New York Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, Inc./
Signature Staff Development Resources, Syracuse, New York
Program Director**

- Coordinate Syracuse Healthy Start – Adolescent Programs Model
- Grant management
- Syracuse Mental Health Players Coordinator/Trainer
- Draft grant proposals and training contracts
- HIV Education and Case Management Trainer
- Trainer: adolescent development, sexuality education, parent education
- Design and facilitate focus groups
- Curricula development
- Co-facilitator of YABO (Youth Advisory Board Opportunities)

1986 – 1990

**Housing Options and Management for the Elderly/Syracuse Housing Authority
Housing Counselor / Case Manager** Syracuse, NY

- Provide case management for elderly and/or disabled adults
- Coordinate Home-Sharing
- Tasks: case conferencing, landlord mediation and negotiation, applications

1984 – 1986

**Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA), Syracuse, NY
Residence Program – Adult Counselor**

- Case management/Counseling
- Educational curriculum development and delivery
- Monthly data collection

1977 – 1984

**Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, NY
Central Receiving Staff**

- Data entry/CRT operator, lab secretary
- Archive and chart lab reports

Education

Syracuse University, NY, December 1998
Master of Social Work, MSW
Social Work Certification, CSW, July 1999

Oswego State University of New York, May 1981
Bachelor of Arts – Public Justice

Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY, May 1979
Associate of Applied Science – Criminal Justice, Honors Graduate

Internships 1997 – 1998 Crouse Chemical Dependency Services - Commonwealth
In-patient Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facility, Syracuse, NY
Responsibilities included: intake; assessment; writing treatment plans;
developing/facilitating small and large group educational activities; counseling;
advocacy; and other tasks as assigned by supervisor.

1998 – 1999 Huntington Elementary/Middle School
Syracuse City School District, Syracuse, NY
Responsibilities included: collecting student social histories; crisis intervention;
developing/facilitating group sessions with students; providing support to teaching
staff; counseling students; advocating for students for outside services; liaison for the
school and parents; and other tasks as assigned by supervisor.

**Special
Training** 2005 New York State Education Department – Training/Peer Reviewer
21st Century Community Learning Centers grant process
2003 County Crisis Team Response Network-currently active member
2002 Ropes Course Facilitator Training – Syracuse City School District
1998 Advancing Youth Development Training
1995 Sexual Attitude Reassessment Training (SAR 13.5 CEUs)
1994 New York State Department of Health – AIDS Institute
HIV Counseling and Testing Training

**Board
Member** 2004-2005 AIDS Community Resources, Syracuse, NY
2004-2008 BRIDGES, Madison County, Canastota, NY
2004-2008 Madison County Department of Mental Health – Community Services
Board – Chairperson 2005-2008

**Community
Service** Alternatives to Violence Project,
Auburn State Correctional Facility – Auburn, NY
Butler Correctional Facility – Victory, NY
Support Group Facilitator/Trainer
1997 - present 1997 Basic Training
1999 Advanced Training
2000 Training of Trainers

CONTACT, Syracuse, NY
1982 – 1986 Telephone counselor/trainer
1988-1990 School-based programs presenter: Barrier to Bridges; Suicide
Prevention

Publications
Co-Author
“Ten Talks Parents Must Have With Their Children About Drugs and Choice,”
Dominic Cappello and Xenia G. Becher, Hyperion, New York, 2001.

Contributing Editorial Consultant

“Ten Talks Parents Must Have With Their Children About Violence,”
Dominic Cappello, Hyperion, New York, 2000.

“Ten Talks Parents Must Have With Their Children About Violence,”
Pepper Schwartz, Ph.D. and Dominic Cappello, Hyperion, New York, 2000.

Development Team

“Can We Talk?” Planning and Training Manual

2-Part Workshop for Parents: “Can We Talk About Bullying and Harassment?”
“Can We Talk About Drugs?”

National Education Association–Health Information Network, Washington, DC,
2003.

“Can We Talk?” Training of Facilitators Guide

National Education Association–Health Information Network,
Washington, DC, 2002.

Professional Membership

1999 - present National Association of Social Workers

2009 - present Association for Experiential Education